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1. According to an order received from Moscow, the Soviet rifle division and MVD division were to have evacuated Hungary by the end of May 1947. Only the artillery division, which currently has a strength of 42,000 men, was to have remained in the country.
2. The artillery division has been charged by the Ministry of National Defense with securing the lines of communication for the Soviet forces which form the connecting link between southern Russia (the Ukraine) and Germany. The division would continue in this assignment even should Soviet troops eventually be evacuated from Austria. Headquarters of the division will be in Budapest with subordinate headquarters in Sopron, Szeged, Szekesfehervar, and Ertvan.
3. An MVD regiment with a strength of 2,500 is to be attached to the artillery division and will have the mission of securing the telephone and telegraph communication systems of the Soviet Army in Hungary. One section of this regiment is responsible for securing the Hungarian civilian telephone lines, which are occasionally used by the Russians for military purposes.
4. In addition, a Guards regiment will remain in Hungary to protect the buildings of the Soviet diplomatic representation.
5. The Central Group of Forces Replacement Depot, which has from 3,000 to 4,000 men, will shortly be moved from its present location at Bruck a/d Leitha, Austria to Szeged, Hungary. It will function as a reinforcement depot for the artillery division scheduled to remain in Hungary.
6. Following the reorganization, total Soviet troops strength will be about 50,000. The artillery division will be organized along the lines of the staff of an army so that it can be enlarged in case of need.
7. The rifle and MVD divisions have been ordered to leave behind all ammunition and infantry weapons. This equipment will be deposited in good condition in special dumps in Hungary, where it will be available for immediate use. Artillery pieces of medium caliber are to be returned to the USSR. Heavy artillery will remain with the artillery division.

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